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SUBJECT: ILLEGAL HAITIANS - CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER ADDERELY

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1. ON AUG 21 I HAD AN EXTREMELY PLEASANT HOUR AND 15 MINUTE VISIT WITH MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ADDERELY, PRINCIPALLY TO DISCUSS THE HAITIAN IMMIGRATION PROBLEM. IN ADDITION TO THIS MEETING, DCM SHANKLE WILL DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER WITH ACTING DIRECTOR OF BAHAMIAN IMMIGRATION MR. E. BACKFORD.

2. ALTHOUGH I BELIEVE ADDERLEY THOROUGHLY APPRECIATES OUR CONCERN OVER THE MOVEMENT OF ILLEGAL HAITIAN IMMIGRANTS TO THE U.S. FROM AND THROUGH THE BAHAMAS, HE SIMPLY STATES THAT WHAT IS BEING DONE BY THE HATIANS IS ILLEGAL AND WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GCOB. ADDERELY EMPHASIZED THE POINT THAT THE GCOB DOES NOT SUPPORT OR FOSTER THE MOVEMENT OF HAITIANS TO THE U.S., ILLEGALLYOR OTHERWISE.

3. THE IDEA OF A HIGH-LEVEL U.S. TEAM COMING HERE IS SATISFACTORY WITH ADDERLEY, ALTHOUGH THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH SHOULD FINALLY BE DETERMINED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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MINISTER OF LABOR AND HOME AFFAIRS ROLLE. ADDERLEY STATED, "YOU WON'T GET MUCH JOY THERE," WHEN I SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT WE INTENDED CHECKING WITH THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS. ADDERLEY FURTHER COMMENTED, "THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT VIEW OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THAN I DO."

4. I DID NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO PURSUE WITH ADDERELY IN DETAIL THE QUESTIONS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL. HOWEVER, NOW THAT I HAVE RAISED THE ISSUE IN GENERAL WITH HIM, WE WILL BE PURSUING THE MATTER IN GREATER DEPTH WITH BAHAMIAN IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND HOME AFFAIRS. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THESE CONVERSATIONS AS THEY DEVELOP.

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